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1. Initiate general patient care, as needed.
2. Identify and document behavior or actions that indicate the patient's mental status is disturbed and may pose a threat to them or to others (suicide, threat of violence or psychosis). Law enforcement should be requested on all calls involving potential violent threats.
3. Prehospital care provider should not be placed in any physical jeopardy or assume any law enforcement functions, especially when weapons and/or acts of violence are involved.
4. Behavioral emergency treatment: Implement **SAFER** model:
 - **S**tabilize the situation by containing and lowering the stimuli.
 - **A**ssess and acknowledge the crisis.
 - **F**acilitate the identification and activation of resources, (clergy, family, friends or police.)
 - **E**ncourage patient to use resources and take actions in his or her best interest.
 - **R**ecovery or referral- leave patient in care of responsible person or professional, or transport to appropriate medical facility.

The Idaho EMS Bureau has taken extreme caution to ensure all information is accurate and in accordance with professional standards in effect at the time of publication. This guideline is for reference and may be modified at the discretion of the EMS Medical Director. It is recommended that care be based on the patient's clinical presentation and on authorized policies and guidelines.